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SUBJECT: LOS: EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA INITIATIVE

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES TEXTS OF PROPOSED PRINCIPLES FOR
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AGREEMENT CONTAINED REF B. WE ARE
PREPARED TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH AYALA AT EARLIEST
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OPPORTUNITY. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, WOULD APPRECIATE

DEPARTMENT'S CLARIFICATION ON SEVERAL POINTS.

2. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW IDEA OF DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN PRIOR TO MEETING CAN BE SQUARED WITH ECUADOREAN PREFERENCE FOR INFORMALITY. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT REASON WE ARE PREPARED TO EMPHASIZE SPECIAL ROLE WE ARE ACCORDING ECUADOREANS IN THESE TALKS IS BECAUSE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF TUNA IN EASTERN PACIFIC IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THEM. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEN EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DEFER TO ECUADOREANS ON CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE. WE DOUBT THAT QUESTION OF WHO IS TO BE CHAIRMAN (E.G. GALINDO-POHL VS. FACIO) IS OF AS GREAT IMPORTANCE AS WHETHER THERE IS TO BE A CHAIRMAN CHOSEN IN ADVANCE AT ALL.

3. EMBASSY IS NOT ARGUING FOR GOE POSITION FOR ITS OWN SAKE. WE SEE A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISSUE OF CHAIRMANSHIP AND QUESTION OF NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPATION. IF CHAIRMAN DESIGNATED IN ADVANCE, ECUADOREANS ARE LIKELY TO CONSIDER THE MEETING A FORMAL ONE, NO MATTER HOW INVITATIONS ARE EXTENDED. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEN ECUADOREANS MIGHT WELL REFUSE TO ATTEND A FORMAL MEETING AT WHICH FRENCH AND OTHER NON-REGIONAL STATES ARE REPRESENTED. ON THE OTHER HAND IF WE FINESSE THE ISSUE OF CHAIRMANSHIP, THEN WE THINK THERE IS A BETTER CHANCE THAT ECUADOREANS WILL NOT MAKE ISSUE OF NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS.

4. RE MOORE/CLINGAN VISIT, EMBASSY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO COME TO QUITO AND SEPT 4 ETA IS FINE BY US IF THAT IS WHAT IS FINALLY DECIDED. IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THE POTENTIAL ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFICULTIES FACING PLANNED CONFERENCE AS WELL AS QUESTIONS GOE IS CERTAIN TO HAVE ABOUT OUR DRAFT PRINCIPLES, MOORE/CLINGAN VISIT WILL BE ESPECIALLY TIMELY.
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